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1. USTS AND NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE
ASSOCIATION HAD KNOWN OF CANADIAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION
PRESS RELEASE. WHILE INSTANCES OF STATIONS
RESERVING SUPPLIES FOR REGULAR CUSTOMERS, AND OF
REFUSAL TO SELL GAS TO CANADIANS MAY HAVE OCCURRED, AAA
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HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO VERIFY ANY SPECIFIC INSTANCE OF

SUCH REFUSAL. CANADIAN TOURISTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET ALONG ON SAME BASIS AS U.S. MOTORISTS, BY KEEPING TANKS TOPPED UP AND PLANNING TRIPS AROUND WEEKEND CLOSING OF STATIONS.

2. ARTICLE IN TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL FOR DECEMBER 1 PROVIDES USEFUL TIPS FOR CANADIAN MOTORISTS (ON PAGE 40 OF ONTARIO EDITION), WE UNDERSTAND U.S.T.S. OFFICE TORONTO IS USING GUIDANCE ALONG SAME LINES.

3. MEASURES NOW IN EFFECT-WEEKEND CLOSINGS, REDUCED SPEEDS, PRORATING OF SUPPLIES TO STATIONS-ARE VOLUNTARY. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, OFFICIAL STATEMENT AS SUGGESTED PARA 6 REFTEL WOULD HAVE TO BE OF GENERAL NATURE AND COULD NOT BE CERTAIN OF PREVENTING ISOLATED INCIDENTS.

4. INTERESTS OF TRAVEL AND RESORT INDUSTRY ARE PART OF ENERGY PROBLEM AND WILL BE CONSIDERED IN FORMULATING MEASURES TO DEAL WITH SHORTAGES. AGENCIES CONCERNED WILL KEEP IN MIND CANADIAN TOURIST AND RESORT TRAVEL, AND EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS, IN CONNECTION WITH FUTURE POLICY DECISIONS. KISSINGER

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